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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed June 20, 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-16 (renumbered as 1-14).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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/Aung S. Moe/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2616

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steve Cha (reg. no. 44,069) on September 25, 2008.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method as set forth in claim 3, wherein, the new Ethernet frame comprises:

a DA (Destination Address) field for indicating a destination address;

~~a~~ a SA (Source Address) field for indicating a source address;

~~a~~ a LLID field for indicating a logical link identifier;

~~a~~ a L/T (Length/Type) field for indicating a type and length of the Ethernet frame;

a data/PAD (Packet Assembly and Disassembly) field for indicating data of the Ethernet frame; and

~~a~~ a FCS (Frame Check Sequence) field which is positioned at an end of the frame and used for detecting an error of the frame when information divided on a frame-by-frame basis is transmitted in data communication,

wherein the frame in which the LLID field is positioned is transferred to the data link layer so that the data link layer enables logical MAC emulation.

Regarding claim 6 (currently amended): The method as set forth in claim 5, wherein the step (b) comprises the steps of:

(b-1) causing the RS to receive an Ethernet packet from the physical layer;

(b-2) causing the RS to determine whether an error exists within the preamble of the Ethernet packet received at the step (b-1);

(b-3) if an error exists within the preamble as a result of the determination at the step (b-2), discarding the Ethernet packet and reporting the error of the preamble;

(b-4) if no error exists within the preamble as the result of the determination at the step (b-2), determining whether an error exists within the Ethernet frame of the Ethernet packet;

(b-5) if an error exists within the Ethernet frame as a result of the determination at the step (b-4), reporting the error of the Ethernet frame;

~~(b-6) if no error exists within the Ethernet frame as the result of the determination at the step (b-4), extracting the LLID information contained in the preamble and configuring the new Ethernet frame by inserting the LLID information at a predetermined position of the Ethernet frame outside the preamble; and~~

(b-7) processing an the FCS of the new Ethernet frame and transferring a new Ethernet packet.

Regarding claim 7 (currently amended): The method as set forth in claim 4, wherein the step (b) comprises the steps of:

(b-1) causing the RS to receive an Ethernet packet from the physical layer;

(b-2) causing the RS to determine whether an error exists within the preamble of the Ethernet packet received at the step (b-1);

(b-3) if an error exists within the preamble as a result of the determination at the step (b-2), discarding the Ethernet packet and reporting the error of the preamble;

(b-4) if no error exists w/thin the preamble as the result of the determination at the step (b-2), determining whether an error exists within the Ethernet frame of the Ethernet packet;

(b-5) if an error exists within the Ethernet frame as a result of the determination at the step (b-4), reporting the error of the Ethernet frame;

~~(b-6) if no error exists within the Ethernet frame as the result of the determination at the step (b-4), extracting the LLID information contained in the preamble and configuring the new Ethernet frame by inserting the LLID information at a predetermined position of the Ethernet frame outside the preamble; and~~

(b-7~~6~~) processing an the FCS of the new Ethernet frame and transferring a new Ethernet packet.

Regarding claim 12 (currently amended): A method for implementing MAC (Media. Access control) in an Ethernet passive optical network system, comprising the steps of:

(a) causing a data link layer of the Ethernet passive optical network system to transfer an Ethernet frame containing LLID (Logical Link I-D) information;

(b) causing an RS (Reconciliation Sublayer) to extract the LLID information contained in the Ethernet frame and configure a standard-based Ethernet frame by inserting the LLID information in a preamble, and causing the RS to transfer the standard-based Ethernet frame to a lower physical layer of the Ethernet passive optical network system; and

(c) causing the physical layer to transfer the preamble containing the LLID information;

wherein step (b) comprises the steps of:

~~extracting the LLID information from the received Ethernet frame and inserting the LLID information within the preamble; and~~

~~updating a FCS and CRC within the Ethernet frame.~~

producing the FCS associated with the standard-based Ethernet frame from which CRC information and the LLID information are removed, and

updating the CRC and LLID information within the standard-based Ethernet frame.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method as set forth in claim 12, wherein, the Ethernet frame containing LLID information comprises:

a DA (Destination Address) field for indicating a destination address;

~~an~~ a SA (Source Address) field for indicating a source address;

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~~an~~ a LLID field for indicating a logical link identifier;

~~an~~ a L/T (Length/Type) field for indicating the Ethernet frame's length and type;

a data/PAD (Packet Assembly and Disassembly) field for indicating data of the Ethernet frame; and

~~an~~ a FCS (Frame Check Sequence) field which is positioned at an end of the frame and used for detecting an error of the frame when information divided on a frame-by-frame basis is transmitted in data communication,

wherein said frame containing LLID information is transferred to the data link layer so that the data link layer uses the LLID field to enable logical MAC emulation.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the step (b) comprises the steps of:

- (b-1) causing the KS to receive the Ethernet frame from the physical layer;
- (b-2) causing the RS to extract the LLID information from the received Ethernet frame and insert the extracted LLID information within the preamble;
- ~~(b-3) producing an FCS associated with the standard-based Ethernet frame from which CRC information and the LLID information are removed, and updating the CRC and LLID information within the standard-based Ethernet frame; and~~
- (b-4~~3~~) transferring the Ethernet packet with the standard-based Ethernet frame containing the updated CRC and FCS information to the physical layer.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method as set forth in claim 13, wherein the step (b) comprises the steps of:

(b-1) causing the KS to receive the Ethernet frame from the physical layer;

(b-2) causing the RS to extract the LLID information from the received Ethernet frame and insert the extracted LLID information within the preamble;

~~(b-3) producing an FCS associated with the standard-based Ethernet frame from which CRC information and the LLID information are removed, and updating the CRC and LLID information within the standard-based Ethernet frame; and~~

(b-4~~3~~) transferring the Ethernet packet with the standard-based Ethernet frame containing the updated CRC and FCS information to the physical layer.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to explicitly disclose, teach, and/or fairly suggest LLID information being available to higher layers such that a single MAC layer can be emulated. Specifically the limitation, (1) determining whether an error exists within a preamble and Ethernet Frame; and if no error exists within the Ethernet, extracting the LLID information contained in the preamble and configuring a new Ethernet frame by inserting the LLID information at a predetermined position of the Ethernet frame outside the preamble, and (2) producing an FCS associated with. the standard-based Ethernet frame from which CRC information and the LLID information are removed, and updating the CRC and LLID information within the standard-based Ethernet frame as

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substantially described in the independent claims of the instant application. Therefore, the claimed invention is patentable over the prior art of record.

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4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a) Kim et al. (US 7,274,695), Method and Apparatus for Processing Ethernet Data Frame in Media Access Control (MAC) Sublayer of Ethernet Passive Optical Network (PON)

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FEBEN HAILE whose telephone number is (571)272-3072. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 am-6:30 pm.

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